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SUBJECT: POST APPROVES 1206 PROPOSAL FOR SSG ENHANCEMENT  
AND MARITIME SECURITY

¶1. (U) Post supports the transfer of funds from the Regional Maritime Awareness Capability (RMAC) 1206 program to a new 1206 program of higher priority. The new program will enhance Pakistan's border operations and maritime security forces. Specifically, the 1206 funds will be applied to improving maritime counter terrorism (CT) capabilities and CT efforts focused on the Western border area.

¶2. (U) The items requested in the new 1206 proposal are for soldier systems and weapons that will enable the Pakistani Special Services Group (SSG) to successfully conduct combat operations in the FATA and along the coast. Additionally, a portion of the requested funding will be used to enhance the capability and safety of the MI-17 helicopters from Pakistan's 21st Quick Reaction Section that will be used to transport the SSG and the SSG-Navy. These items include weapons (door guns and mounts), digital radar altimeters, and intercom system improvements. In all cases, equipment will be issued to the forces as an integral part of the SOCCENT engagement strategy and will be incorporated into established SOF training programs.

¶3. (U) The items of this list have been subcategorized into four major categories: 1) Soldier Systems, 2) Optics and Electronics, 3) Small Arms and Ammunition, 4) MI-17 Safety Modifications.

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